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THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : If the hon. Member would give specific instances, we will look into them.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : In Trichy-Karur Road at Pattavaithalai, there are several cases of encroachments on the main road and fresh encroachments are taking place everyday. I would like to know what steps the Government have taken to evict or stop such encroachments.

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : I will look into the matter.

SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Near Vadalur Gnana Sabai for nearly a furlong there is encroachment on the main road and that spoils the beauty of the place. Will the Hon. Minister take steps to evict such encroachments?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : I will ask the Chief Engineer to look into the matter.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, the real difficulty is this. One set of people want removal of such encroachments and another set of people encourage such encroachments.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Which side do the Government support?

SRI A. K. THANGAVEL MUDALIAR : நெடுஞ்சாலை ரோடு களிலும் சாதாரண ரோடுகளிலும் நெல் உலர்த்தப்படுகிறது. அது சர்க்காருக்குத் தெரியுமா ?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : கனம் அங்கத்தினர் அவர்கள் கேள்வியைத் திரும்பச் சொல்லும்படி கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

SRI A. K. THANGAVEL MUDALIAR : மெயின்ரோடிலே, நெடுஞ்சாலை ரோடுகளிலே நெல் உலர்த்தப்படுகிறது. ஒரு பக்கத்தையே அவர்கள் எடுத்துக் கொள்கிறார்கள். அதை சர்க்கார் கவனித்து நீக்க ஏதாவது நடவடிக்கை எடுக்குமா ?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : சிமிண்டு அல்லது தார்போட்ட ரோடுகளிலே நெல் காயவைப்பதை நான்கூட பார்த்திருக்கிறேன். அதைக் கூடாது என்று சொல்லியிருக்கிறோம். மழை இல்லாத காலங்களில் அவர்கள் அப்படிப் போடுகிறார்கள்.

Express bus routes

* 305 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of express bus routes sanctioned and allotted during 1960;

(*b*) the number taken by the State Transport Department and the number allotted to private operators and the co-operative societies respectively; and

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(c) the number of cases challenging the allotment of bus routes pending in the High Court as on 31st December 1960 with reference to each section of the Motor Vehicles Act or the Government Order relating to that Act?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: (a) Twelve buses on seven routes.

(b) Madras State Transport Department—one bus on one route.

Private operators—five buses on five routes.

Co-operative societies—six buses on five routes.

(c) Seven. This relates to permits granted prior to 1960.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: I would like to know the answer to clause (c).

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: Seven. This relates to permits granted prior to 1960.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Hon. Minister kindly tell us the number of cases under each section pending before the High Court?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: A separate question may be put.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR: May I know whether there is any proposal to run an Express bus between Tiruchirappalli and Bangalore?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: That question has to be put to my Hon. Colleague.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Is the Hon. Minister aware that all the seven cases pending before the High Court relate to one Government Order issued in 1958?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: I do not know under what Government Order they are pending or for what reasons they are pending. If the hon. Member is very particular about getting the information, he may put a separate question.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: I have asked for this information in my main question itself. I wanted to know under what section or order the cases are pending before the High Court. I will put the question again as desired by the Hon. Minister.

Supply of coal

3-20 p.m. *306 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state, with reference to the answer given to Legislative Council Question No. 111 on 4th March 1961, the reasons for the variations in the middleman's commission in the supply of coal to Basin Bridge Power Station from 25 nP. to 40 nP. per ton?